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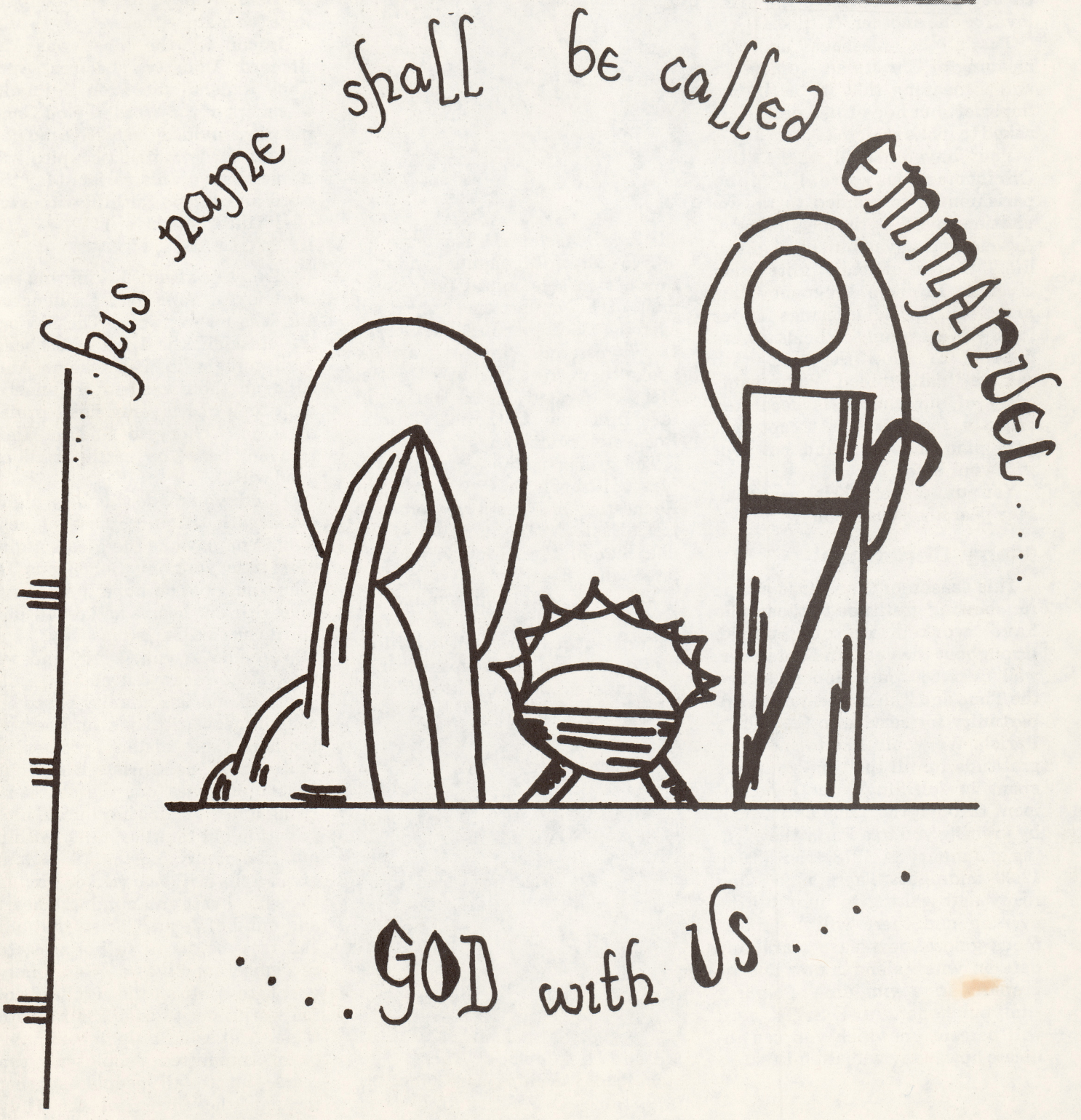


Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

On this Christmas Day, we ponder the Love which our unseen God makes visible. God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him. (1 Jn 4:9)

On this Christmas Day, we also celebrate His love. If God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. (1 Jn. 4:11)

That's the message and the meaning of Christmas - a message and a meaning that we as living, imperfect but hope-filled people are asked to make real.

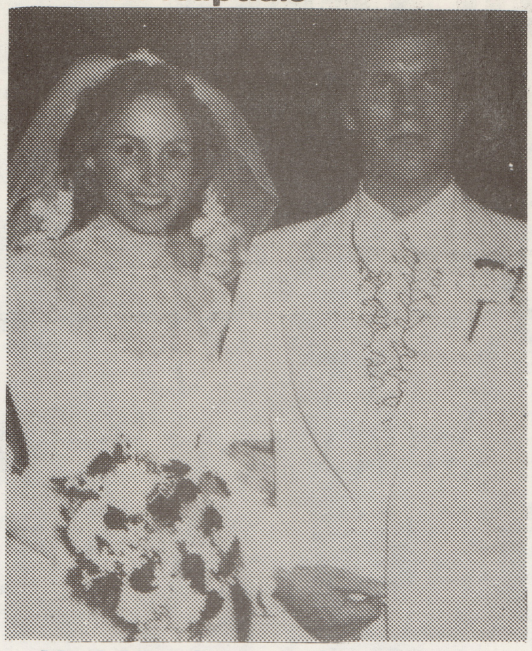
You have helped make this Christmas Day real. Many parishioners responded to the invitation given at the beginning of Advent and have shared a "gift of life." Boxes of baby gifts were given to Problem Pregnancy this past week. Special offerings for our local Meals on Wheels were donated to allow the shut-in to receive "daily bread." The sanctuary of our church is decorated brightly for this Feast, not just with pine and light and bow but with your love.

You do make Christmas real. May peace be yours today!

Merry Christmas!

This season of the year is a time for showing gratitude to those who have worked in our parish throughout the year. In September, well over 500 parishioners signed the Time and Talent sheet as an opportunity for service to St. John's Parish. We would like to show our gratitude for all the time you have spent in fulfilling your committment through the Time and Talent by inviting you to a Party the evening of January 14, 1978, from 8:00 to 12:00 midnight. There is a band ready and waiting to buoy up the evening and there will be finger foods galore, so please mark this date on your calendar now and be prepared for a wing-ding of a party - in your honor. An R.S.V.P. card will be sent on which you can indicate how many will attend.

Parish Nuptials



Mr. & Mrs. George D. Wagner

Two faithful communicants of this parish solemnized their covenant of holy marriage on Friday evening, December 16, 1977. George D. Wagner and Tina M. Kazikow spoke their vows during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey in St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, Rochester, Michigan.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Wagner of Rochester, and was a convert here last Easter. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Floury, and the late Walter Kazikow.

The father of the groom and the step-father of the bride served as lectors for the liturgy. Brian Milontoni of Trenton and Denise Dear of Lansing were the main attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Abel

On Friday evening, December 16, 1977, James O. Abel of Ann Arbor and Virginia M. Papay of this parish proclaimed their covenant of sacred marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Charles Irvin of St. Mary Chapel, Ann Arbor, in our church.

Jim is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Abel of Adrian. Ginny is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Papay, Sr. of Pennsylvania. Thomas Rabaut of Ypsilanti and Patricia Papay of Philadelphia were the main witnesses.

Deacon for the Mass was Mr. Richard Doherty. Lectors were Tony Redente and Fran DePuydt. Members of the Word of God Community provided the festive music.

Both newly-married couples will be members of this parish. May the Lord make them faithful witnesses of His incarnate love!

Intercessory Prayer

"Don't be afraid! I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone: The Savior, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born tonight in Bethlehem. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host, praising God. "Glory to God in High Heaven, peace on earth to all of good will."

O God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of new light. You gave us the greatest gift of all time, your only Son, Jesus. In Him you gave us hope, peace and love. Stir our hearts and renew our spirits on this Christmas Day.

We come to you, Lord, and we ask you to renew our church, calling us to oneness in unity based on commitment with one another as brothers and sisters professing Faith in Jesus Christ. Bless our deep unity with our parish team. Bring unity within the church, unity within our families, unity within our community, so that this God-given unity will be based on having the same heart and mind, the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, that our call may be a call to holiness, to recognize ourselves as God's holy people to confront the standards of the world, not to compromise with them. And as a St. John community of committed people, we can reach out to all people, so that through the thrust of the Holy

Spirit that comes alive in our renewed spirit we can reach out and embrace, Lord, unite and heal broken homes, heal family relationships. Bring back into your fold those who have fallen away. Lord, bless our parish team, bless our church, bless our community, bless those who serve you, bless our music, Lord, that on this Christmas Day we reaffirm our committment to serve and follow you the rest of our lives, that our faith may continue to be alive and growing.

Lord, we love you. Lord, you have given us much. We give our lives to you. May your peace, hope, and everlasting love be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise the Name of Jesus.
David Rocha

In The Peace of Christ

Our parish extends prayerful sympathy to the members of the Loy family as they experience the sudden death of James Edward Loy, age 46, who died on Tuesday evening, December 13, 1977.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church on Friday, December 16, 1977 by Fr. Harvey. Burial followed in our parish cemetary. Sister Marilyn Barnett, CSJ, led the Rosary Vigil in the Fontana Funeral Home on Thursday evening.

Jim is survived by his wife Mary Louise (Boik) of 26 years, his daughter, Susan, his mother, Nellie Katz, three sisters and six brothers.

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Walter L. Chadwick, age 22, was killed in an auto accident on Friday, December 16, 1977. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church by Fr. Harvey on Monday, December 19, 1977. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery.

Walter was married here in 1974 to Michelle Hicks who survives as do two sons, Joshua and Richard. His parents, Richard and Nellie Chadwick of Romulus, one brother, Danny, three sisters, Cindy, Denise and Theresa grieve the loss of their son and brother.

He is the nephew of Robert Chadwick of this parish.

"Hope is not deceptive ... the love of God has been poured into our hearts."

May Jim and Walt inherit the promise which the Lord's birth announces!

Banns of Marriage

III Daniel Fisher and Brenda Jamison

New Year's Eve Dance

Get your New Year's Eve dance tickets early. $20.00 if you buy them before December 24, 1977, thereafter $25.00.

Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

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December 18, 1977

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Christmas Day ... a very happy time for most. A time of sharing and showing our love by gifts, parties, cheery greetings. Your offertory contributions are expressions of love. We hope you can see it that way. We are grateful to those who do.

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 26 - St. Stephen, Martyr
7:00 a.m. Max Seeger, req. by family
Tuesday, December 27 - St. John, apostle-evangelist
7:00 a.m. Janet Schrepper, anniv. req. by her mother
Wednesday, December 28 - Holy Innocents, martyrs
7:00 a.m. Joseph Hutting Family, req. by Mrs. George Max
Thursday, December 29 - Octave of Christmas
7:00 a.m. Alpha Hinsch, req. by Helen Hinsch
Friday, December 30 - Holy Family
7:00 a.m. Joseph Ferraro, req. by his wife, Hazel
Saturday, December 31 -Octave of Christmas
11:00 a.m. Nuptial Mass Daniel Fisher and Brenda Jamison
5:00 p.m. Dr. Albert F. Milford, req. by Mrs. Francis J. Ligday, Sr.
Sunday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God - Solemnity
7:00 a.m. Intention of St. John Parishoners
9:00 a.m. Josepha Davignon, Ulysses Pilotte
11:00 a.m. James E. Loy, req. by Arnold and Katy Deanhofer
12:30 p.m. Marie Sinkule, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Matt Stein

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